

Please add Claims 45-51 as follows:

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--45. A light conductive member comprising a light entrance face in a part of a lateral face other than an end in the longitudinal direction of a rod-shaped translucent member; an inclined area on a side opposed to said light entrance face, for reflecting and/or diffusing an entering light beam into the longitudinal direction of said rod-shaped translucent member; and an exit face in at least a part of a lateral face, for emitting at least a part of said reflected and/or diffused light beam.

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46. A light conductive member according to claim 45, further comprising a second area, on a side opposed to said exit face, for further reflecting and/or diffusing the light beam reflected and/or diffused by the first-mentioned area.

47. A light conductive member according to claim 45, wherein the cross sectional area of said rod-shaped translucent member becomes progressively smaller, in comparison with that at said light entrance face, toward the ends along the longitudinal direction.

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48. An illuminating device comprising a light conductive member according to any one of claims 45, 46 or 47 and a light source for irradiating the light entrance face of said light conductive member with light.